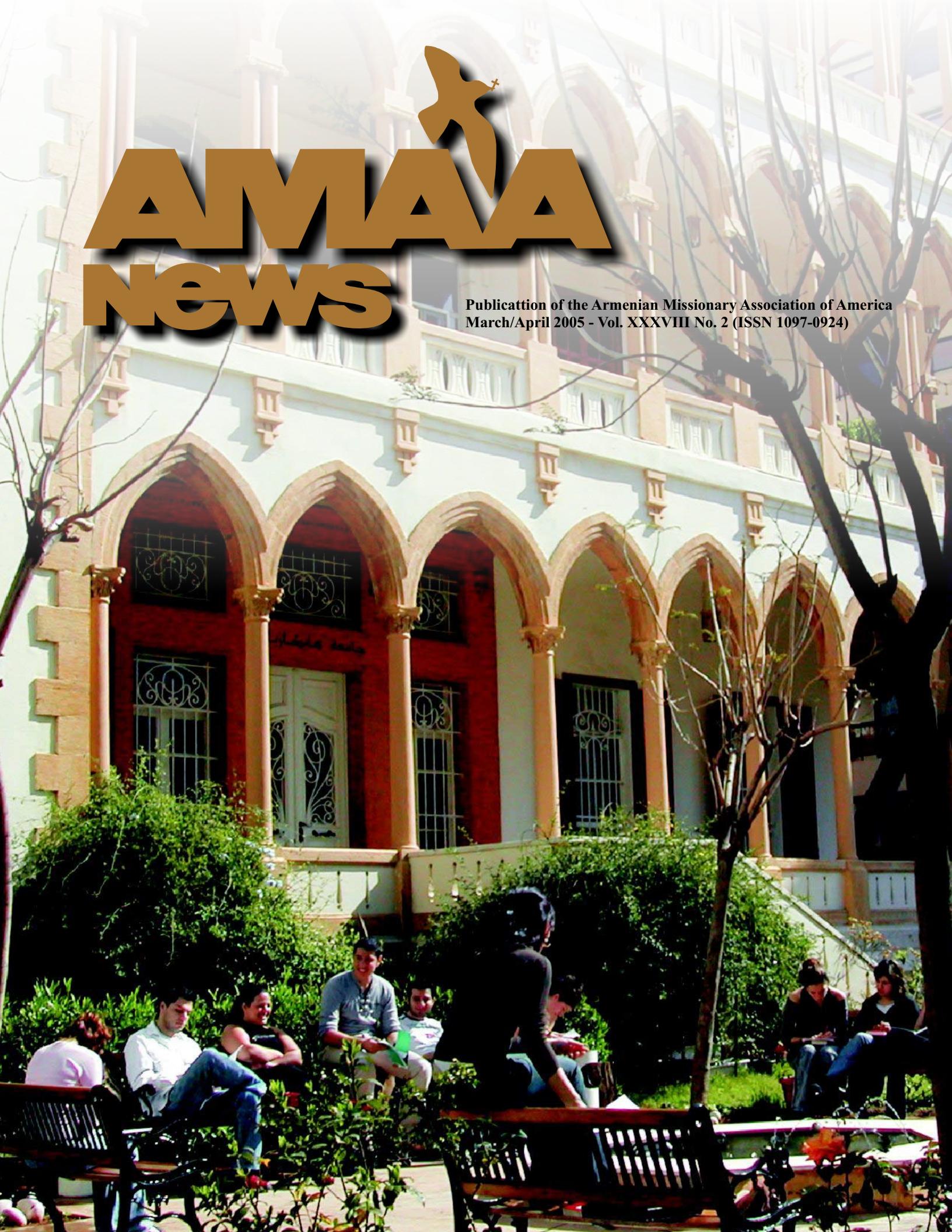


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The Cross Was For Us

“God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” n John 3:16

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Haigazian University by Rev. L. Nishan Bakalian

As we Christian believers absorb these words from John 3:16 we cannot help but rejoice as we look forward to Easter. For it was on that day that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was resurrected from the dead. He died for our sins so that we may be forgiven. Even today in these times of turmoil, there is an inner peace within us knowing that from our resurrected Savior we receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on us.

We are familiar with the phrase “Jesus is the reason for the season” which we apply to Christmas. Christmas is important. That’s when we celebrate the birth of the Messiah – Savior of the world. But what makes us Christians is what happened at Calvary. Our church, our beliefs, our salvation and eternal life would never have existed unless Christ went to the cross. Let me explain by telling you a little story.

There were two brothers. The younger brother one night went to the local bar and saw a man there with his girlfriend. An argument broke out, then a fight, then the man was dead. The younger brother fled to his home, changed his bloody clothes, and left the house to hide. Later, the older brother returned home. He had heard something terrible had happened. He went into the younger brother’s room and saw the bloody clothes on the floor. He quickly removed his clothes and put on the younger brother’s clothes. Shortly after that, the police arrived and arrested the older brother. Since he was wearing the bloody clothes, they assumed he committed the murder. The older brother wanted it that way; he loved his brother. He was tried, convicted, and executed for the murder in place of the younger brother. He did it to save his brother’s life.

This is what Christ did for us. This should cause us to rejoice. Even more than that, this is a time to reflect on what we are doing in return. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 tells us we are not our own; we were bought with a price. And what a price He paid. Let’s use this time to reflect on the payment made for us at Calvary and refocus our lives to make that payment worth it.

Easter for the Christian Church is the most glorious and joyful festival. Knowing that He died for our salvation and with Him there is everlasting life, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ with ringing of all the church bells and our songs of praise.

“Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.”
Mark 16:15.

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(Krisdos haryav ee merelotz orhnyal e haroutioun Krisdos)

Christ is risen from the dead. Blessed be the resurrection of Christ.

Andrew Torigian Named Executive Director of AMAA

At the December, 2004 meeting of the AMAA Board of Directors, Andy Torigian was named as the new Executive Director of the Association.

Mr. Torigian had served as the AMAA's President for an unprecedented seven years, as Vice President for four years, as Treasurer for two years and as Personnel Committee Chairman for 17 years. He had been a board member since 1982, prior to resigning to accept the new post.

No stranger to the post, Mr. Torigian has served as acting Executive Director for seven months in 2001, then for another seven months in 2003, and for five months in 2004, temporarily filling vacancies, while still serving as President.

Volunteering has been the hallmark of Mr. Torigian's entire life, ever since he joined the U.S. Navy Air Corps to be trained as a Navy pilot. He has served as a Trustee, as well as Treasurer for 13 years of the Armenian Presbyterian Church in Paramus, and is an Ordained Elder of the Church. In 1995, he was honored as the APC Man of the Year.

Among the many other Armenian organizations for which he has served, he is on the Board of Directors of the Armenian American Medical Philanthropic Fund since 1995, is a Vice President of the Board of Trustees of the Home for the Armenian Aged in Emerson, New Jersey, is a trustee of the Hovnanian School in New Milford, New Jersey, is on the Board of Managers of Haigazian University, is a Fellow Trustee of the Armenian Assembly, and was the only three-term Commander of the Knights of Vartan Lodge #38 and received its Man of the Year Award in 1998.

His list of services for non-Armenian organizations include being a past Master of Willard Sylvan Grove Lodge #250 F & A.M.; a member and former Vice President of the New York Metro Electronics Representative Association, and is the past Chairman of the Board of Directors of Electro, producers of the largest electronic shows on the East Coast.

He has served on the Paramus Planning Board for five years and has been the Commander of the Paramus American Legion Post #207 since 1988 and became the first and only recipient of its Man of the Year Award, in 2000. He is the only six-term President of the Paramus Veterans Council. He was a member of the Bergen County Veterans Committee that established the "Circle of Honor" at the County Courthouse in Hackensack, New Jersey. He has been the President of the Paramus Republican Club, the largest in Bergen County.

In addition, Mr. Torigian is an active member of the Gideons, the Paramus Rotary Club and the Paramus Elks. He received the Humanitarian Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews in 2002 for his work in the community.

Mr. Torigian received his BA from NYU's Washington Square College and BS from NYU's School of Engineering where he was elected to Alpha Pi Mu and Tau Beta Pi's National Engineering Honor Societies. He was President of Technilease Corporation, a leasing/rental company specializing in electronic test-and-measurement equipment before he retired in December 2003. He is a Senior Life Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

Mr. Torigian and his wife, Rose, have three children; Catherine Torigian, Ph. D., Drew Torigian, M.D., and Christine Torigian, M.D.G

Spiritual Corner

Life After Death

Life after death is a concept in many cultures and religions. There are even those who believe that a better afterlife waits for them when they die for a special cause.

Corinth was a church in the center of Greek culture. Most Greeks believed in afterlife for the soul. According to Greek philosophers, the soul was imprisoned in the body, and with death it was released to eternity.

To Christians in such a surrounding, Paul wrote his first letter (1st Corinthians) to clear the confusion amongst the church members about life after death and about the truth of Jesus' Resurrection. The Resurrection of Christ according to Paul is the basis of Christian faith. Christ rose from the dead thus confirming that he was the Son of God. Christ Rose from the dead thus forgiving us of our sins. Christ is alive, thus representing us to God. And finally because Christ rose from the dead, we will be raised too one day.

Life with no Resurrection will be just senseless and meaningless. It will end by death. With Christ's defeat over death, our lives become meaningful and we receive the gift and assurance of eternal life. Otherwise, as Paul concludes, his preaching is useless and so is our faith.

Haigazian University Celebrates Fifty Years Of Excellence

This is a story of a dream, and of some dreamers who saw the future and not the problems.

The Armenian Diaspora needed an institution of higher learning to replace those that were destroyed by the Turks during the Armenian Genocide, while others saw the need, the dreamers set out to do something about it.

We don't know whether or not they imagined that fifty years later that school would be thriving and would be growing and would have overcome not only the hardships of its founding but also a civil war that happened literally in its own back yard.

Today, Haigazian University has achieved a reputation second to none, yet still has challenges. And these are virtually the same as those at its founding—solving the problems of its growing pains. Thus, in this its fiftieth year, Haigazian University is embarking on a multi-million-dollar fund-raising campaign to construct and furnish at least two more needed building on its ever-growing campus.

The original dreamers were Steve and Mary Mehagian, of Phoenix, Arizona, who decided to invest \$25,000 in a school that would bear the name of Mary's father, the distinguished educator Dr. Armenag Haigazian. In 1954, they approached the Armenian Missionary Association of America to discuss their plans. For dreams to come true, they need a "fairy godfather," and he turned out to be Stephen Philibosian, like Mehagian, a successful businessman and entrepreneur, who happened to be in the AMAA offices, when the Mehagians visited. He immediately pounced on the idea and, with a passion and a zeal, brought together like-minded individuals and The Haigazian Educational Trust was established with the Mehagians' \$25,000 gift.

At the same time, two churches—both Armenian Evangelical—in Beirut had a similar idea about a school of higher learning. The Eshrefeih Church, of East Beirut, had a Central High School, and the First Armenian Evangelical Church of West Beirut had the Armenian Evangelical College. The two

groups—the Americans and the Beirut Churches met, discussed their idea, found unanimity in goal and purpose, Further meetings took place and, with the support of the AMAA, the fledgling university—then referred to as a Junior College—was set up.

Then, with the help of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, of Boston, the AMAA bought a 10-room villa on 12,000 square feet of land, for \$20,000 from the Mehagians. Thus, the "Webb House," named for the two sisters who were its first occupants, and its land became Haigazian's first campus.

Whereas the first class, in October 1955, comprised 43 students, three full-time, five part-time faculty and a non-academic staff of four, with a budget of less than \$20,000, today, in its fiftieth year, the Haigazian has more than 750 students (half Armenian, half reflecting the cultural mix of Lebanon) with 74 full- and part-time faculty and 45 non-academic staff in support.

Set up on the French system (Lebanon was a French Mandate, after World War One) Haigazian, theoretically could not award BA degrees, but it was determined to model itself on the American system. Fortunately, two of its brilliant students were able to take additional courses at the College level in Beirut, and became Haigazian's first graduates, receiving their BA degrees in 1960.

They are Archbishop Sumpat Lapajian, who, as student Setrak Lapajian, received his degree in Religion, and went on to be ordained into the Armenian Church. The other student was Yervant Kassouny, who



HU students: in the Library (above); in class (middle); visiting the Old Age Home (below).

received is BA degree in Armenology, and went on to Yerevan State University and received his PhD in Armenian History.

And, whereas, the first campus consisted of one building, today's Haigazian has five buildings and rents another. From the original 10-room Webb House, Haigazian has grown to more than 200 rooms, and has doubled its land space.

And, whereas the first Haigazian could only offer Certificates, unless its students did concurrent work at nearby universities, today's Haigazian, thanks to its elevation to the university status in 1966, has Faculties of Business Administration and Economics, of Sciences, of Humanities, and of Social and Behavioral Sciences, offering BA, BS

and MA degrees in more than 25 major subjects.

Through its endowments, Haigazian is able to offer academic scholarships as well as financial aid to needy students.

Dr. John Markarian was the first president of Haigazian, serving until 1966. Dr. Gilbert Bilezikian, was the second president, serving until 1971, whereupon Dr. Markarian was asked to return, serving until 1982, during the most turbulent years of the Lebanese Civil War. He was succeeded by the first non-Armenian, Dr. Verne Fletcher, who served until 1985, leaving because of the precarious situation for Americans in Beirut at the time. For ten years (1985-1995) there was no "President," but the then registrar Ms. Wilma Cholakian was at some point promoted to Administrative Dean and she ran Haigazian from that office with much dedication and leadership. In 1995, Dr. John Khanjian became president, serving until 2002, when the present incumbent Dr. Paul Haidostian took office.

At present, Haigazian University is in the process of adding to its five building campus. A new building to be constructed and another to be renovated will house a Graduate School, library, classrooms, labs, faculty offices, lounges and sports facilities, & parking. Haigazian University supporters are invited to invest:

- In HU students, by establishing funds for scholarships to qualified students.
- In HU programs, the libraries, the labs, and research centers.
- In HU facilities, the construction and renovation of the new buildings and the preservation of the existing ones.

It may be fifty years, but the dream continues. G



HU Students: at a bake sale (above); at a Spiritual Life meeting.

The University I Call My Own

- by Anita Moutchoyan*

As a young female coming from an Armenian background, I am proud to be a member of Haigazian University (HU), not for the mere reason that I attend it, but because of what I have come to realize about it. To be able to enrich your mind, soul and heart within a few years seems almost impossible because those are the most crucial entities of the human being and which require a sufficient amount of time to develop, unless you are at Haigazian University. People keep wondering what is special about Haigazian University. Generations over 50 years have praised this university for its excellence.

To be able to comprehend the uniqueness of HU, a person needs to see a picture painted of life in this university. My journey started two years ago, when I first began to attend HU. I remember feeling alienated in this environment where I didn't belong. Yet, within a few weeks, I felt that I was a part of HU's big family.

Just a few days ago I was walking to class, when I paused for a moment and realized how comfortable I have come to feel in this university. Within these two years, HU has brought out the best in me. It has allowed me to broaden my horizons, and challenge myself to give my very best not only in academic aspects, but in many other fields as well. In my case, I had the privilege of developing my writing abilities through the University newspaper, The Herald.

Haigazian University prepares students to face the world. In addition to providing a helping hand and a loving heart, it teaches discipline, which is a crucial factor, needed for the future. Within a couple of years, this university creates an atmosphere of a little world, which trains students, challenges them and prides in their success.

In order to call something my own, I need to share a special bond with it; I can safely say that I have come to call HU my university. For 50 years, generations have felt this special bond with the university and have ended up creating a valuable heritage that I have the opportunity to be a part of. I believe that its ability to enrich the mind, the soul and the heart is what keeps Haigazian University alive and so ardent. The University will continue being alive, spreading truth freedom and service to the upcoming generations. G

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AMAA/LARK Presentation of Bach's St. John Passion Marks 50th Anniversary of Haigazian University

America's observance of the 50th anniversary of Haigazian University, in Beirut, began with a performance of the St. John Passion, by Johann Sebastian Bach, March 5, featuring the orchestra and chorus of the Lark Musical Society.

The evening was sponsored by the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA), and marked the tenth year of Lark/AMAA joint productions during the Lenten Period.

To help the audience of 500 to fully understand the solemn work, there was a pre-concert lecture by musicologist Karen Chutjian. Bach composed the St. John

Passion in the year 1724 to be performed as part of the Good Friday services. The story comes from Chapters 18 and 19 of the Gospel of John. The narration is done by the "Evangelist" in recitative form, and, in the Lark production, it was performed by tenor Daniel Plaster.

The other principal solo parts are "Jesus" performed by baritone Steve Pence, and "Pilate" performed by bass Stephen Grimm. There are also eight solo arias which are elaborate contemplative compositions for solo voice and instrumental accompaniment. On this night, these arias were performed by Alenoush Yeghnazar, soprano; Shoghig Koushakjian, mezzo-soprano; Steve Kronauer, tenor; and Ara Kourouyan, bass. Throughout the concert, the audience was able to follow the German text, by reading the translations both in Armenian and English on large overhead screens, or in the elaborate program booklet.

During the original performance of the Passion, a sermon was incorporated between Parts I and II of the music as part of the Good Friday services. This tradition was followed by Rev. Joseph Matossian, Minister to the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America (AEUNA), who also pronounced the Invocation, at the start of the evening's program. Here, Rev. Matossian gave an inspired message summarizing the central message of the "Passion".

This is the message that is heard in Chorale No. 22, midway in the work: "Through



Maestro Vatsche Barsoumian taking a bow after the performance.

Your captivity, O Son of God, comes to us our freedom for if You had not entered into bondage, our bondage would have lasted forever." Throughout the work Bach echoes John's firm belief that Jesus is one with God the Father, and He is our Lord and Creator. It's also for this reason that the work does not end with a sad graveyard aria but with an "upbeat" chorale that anticipates the Resurrection.

Fittingly, for an evening devoted to Haigazian University, the orchestra and chorus were led by Haigazian graduate Vatsche Barsoumian, Lark's Musical Director.

The evening's program began with a welcome by Dr. Nazareth Darakjian, chairman of the organizing committee, who acknowledged the presence of His Eminence Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian of the Western Prelacy, Andrew Torigian Executive Director of the AMAA, and Dr. Hrair Aharonian President of the AMAA.

Dr. Darakjian thanked all the participants in the project and in particular Maestro Vatsche Barsoumian for his endless dedication energy, and patience in preparing the



(l to r) Dr. Hrair Aharonian, AMAA President; Andrew Torigian, AMAA Executive Director; His Eminence Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian of the Western Prelacy; and Rev. Joe Matossian, Minister to the Union (AEUNA).

musicians and singers. He then introduced Mrs. Joyce Abdulian, a hard-working member of the Women's Auxiliary of Haigazian University, who spoke briefly about the University. Mrs. Abdulian emphasized the important role that Haigazian University has played in the Armenian diaspora during its first half-century and cited the example of Maestro Barsoumian.

The concert was performed in the Sanctuary of the Glendale Presbyterian Church. A reception followed the performance, organized by some of the members of the concert committee and the Haigazian Women's Auxiliary.G

Easter Programs In Armenia

Over 8,000 children, young people and parents participated in the Easter 2005 celebrations organized by the AMAA, in co-operation with the Evangelical Church of Armenia (ECA), in 29 towns and villages throughout Armenia and Karabagh.

These celebrations educated, and inspired their audiences through various art forms, such as music and drama, proclaiming the Easter message of divine love, hope, and eternal life in the risen Jesus Christ.

In Gyumri, the AMAA/ECA drama group presented "the second crucifixion of Christ" in the city's central theater, to a packed audience of 800. This very touching drama tells the story of a young man named Monoleos, who is killed by his city folk for assisting a group of refugees whom his murderers had refused assistance. Ironically Monoleos was chosen by the very same "Christian" townsfolk to play the role of Jesus in the town's annual Easter festivals. The powerfully moving parallelism between the stories of Jesus and Monoleos

touched the hearts of the audience who found hope in the message that justice is always the final victor, because Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Following the presentation, the three leaders of Apostolic, Catholic and Evangelical churches of Gyumri addressed the audience, confirming the message of the story.

Our hope and prayer is that the Easter message of eternal life will touch and change the hearts of the thousands who heard it, and will bring hope to a nation that is trying to revitalize itself from many long years of pain and suffering. G



Over 700 children and parents attending Easter Program at the Armenian Evangelical Church of Vanatzor.



Easter Program in Stepanavan.



Easter Program in Gyumri.

New York Life Pay-Out to Augment Programs in Armenia

The first distribution of funds, that came after a California Federal Court accepted a \$20-million agreement between the litigants and New York Life to nine Armenian organizations, took place on January 26, 2005, at the AGBU Headquarters in New York City. According to a historic decision, the New York Life had to pay to Armenian organizations, as well as known survivors, the death benefits of the insurance policies that the "thrifty Armenians" (as Henry Morgenthau, the US Ambassador to Turkey at the time of the Genocide, referred to the Armenians) had taken out with the company.

Representing the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) at the ceremony were Mr. Andrew Torigian, the Executive Director of the AMAA and Mr. Robert Hekemian, Sr.

The \$ 333,333 AMAA's share of the New York Life Insurance Company pay-out will be used for orphan and needy families, for orphanages and boarding schools, for needy elderly and expansion of our soup kitchens



Photo by Harry L. Koundakjian

AMAA Executive Director Andy Torigian (right) thanking California State Commissioner John Garamendi (center) and Bill Welfermar (left) representing New York Life Insurance Company for the settlement check.

and other humanitarian programs in Armenia. According to the terms of the agreement, the money cannot be invested but must be used in its entirety. G

AMAA Vice President, Peter Kougasian presents Robert Morgenthau the Volume of Ambassador Morgenthau's Diaries

Hon. Robert M. Morgenthau, District Attorney of the County of New York and grandson of Ambassador Henry Morgenthau, received an advance copy of the diaries of Ambassador Morgenthau, published by Gomidas Institute and edited by Ara Sarafian.

Henry Morgenthau was American Ambassador to Ottoman Turkey under President Woodrow Wilson. Henry Morgenthau's famous memoir, Ambassador Morgenthau's Story, has long been an essential text documenting the treatment of Armenians in Ottoman Turkey during the First World War. His actual diaries, however, remained unpublished for over 80 years. Ara Sarafian, an archival scholar and a founding member of the Gomidas Institute, has now carefully

reconstructed the diaries, based primarily on a carbon copy housed in the Library of Congress.

Robert M. Morgenthau, in addition to being District Attorney of the County of New York, is chairman of the Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in New York City. He is a frequent speaker at Armenian Genocide commemorations.

The volume was presented to Mr. Morgenthau by Peter M. Kougasian. Mr. Kougasian is an Assistant District Attorney in Mr. Morgenthau's office, the Moderator of the Armenian Evangelical Church of New York and a Vice-President of the Armenian Missionary Association of America.



Photo by Victoria Belanger

Hon. Robert A. Morgenthau (left) receiving his copy of Henry Morgenthau Diaries from Peter Kougasian, Esq.

The Diaries of Amb. Morgenthau 1913-1916 is available at www.garodbooks.com. G

Calvary Armenian Congregational Church of San Francisco observes AMAA Sunday

The Calvary Armenian Congregational Church, which was established in 1922 with a small group of Armenian Evangelical worshippers, today is a full capacity church serving not only the community in the larger San Francisco area, but also reaching out to communities around the world, including our fatherland, Armenia..

On Sunday, March 6, 2005 the Calvary Armenian Congregational Church observed AMAA Sunday, celebrating AMAA's mission and service ministries and confirming its commitment to missions. AMAA Administrative Director Dikran Youmshakian participated in the worship of praise, preaching, reporting on AMAA activities and challenging the congregation to continue their support through the AMAA. He also thanked the church congregation for undertaking specific AMAA projects and contributing generously. The youth group of the church participated with their songs.

For the last few years, the Calvary Armenian Congregational Church had generously and regularly supported two evangelical churches in Armenia – the Armenian Evangelical Church in Hrazdan and the Armenian Evangelical Church in Aintab. With great enthusiasm, the church this year added the Armenian Evangelical Church in



The Armenian Evangelical Church of Aintab, Armenia, renovated through funds provided by the Calvary Armenian Congregational Church of San Francisco

Alaverdi on their support list.

The Missions Committee of the Calvary Armenian Congregational Church has been very active in promoting the AMAA work and generating support for this and other projects, including the sponsorship of needy

children in Armenia and the Middle East.

The offering of that Sunday was designated to the AMAA.

While visiting the church, Mr. Youmshakian had an opportunity to meet with many members and friends of the AMAA.G



(l to r) Mr. John Halebian, Chair of the Missions Committee, Mrs. Gladys Shegoian, AMAA Representative and Dikran Youmshakian.



Some of the members of the Youth Group of the Calvary Armenian Congregational Church.

UACC's Ann Sarafian Motivates Class To Support Tsunami Disaster Relief

Dr. Ann Karagozian Sarafian, a professor in the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at UCLA since 1982, has been a dedicated Sunday School teacher, deacon, and choir member of the United Armenian Congregational Church in Los Angeles for many years. In February she encouraged second, third and fourth grade students to create Valentine cards as a fund raising effort for Tsunami relief.

They accepted the challenge and ran with it, designing one-of-a-kind cards that they sold in the church patio after services on two Sundays. Thanks to the generosity of church members, they were able to raise \$225 to help the AMAA in its ongoing tsunami re-

lief efforts. This amount may seem insignificant, considering the staggering enormity of the devastating event, but these students have been guided and inspired by their teacher and have grasped the importance of humanitarian generosity, setting an example and encouraging others to help.

Dr. Sarafian, who earned her BS degree in Engineering from UCLA and her MS and PhD degrees in Mechanical Engineering from Cal Tech, understands the impact of the monumental tsunami disaster. She knows it will take years for the affected areas to show substantial recovery from the 9.0 earthquake on December 26, 2004 off the West Coast of Indonesia. Several countries



Dr. Ann Karagozian Sarafian

in Southern Asia and Eastern Africa were affected, with the heaviest damage occurring in Sri Lanka, India, the Maldives, Indonesia, and Thailand. Contributions earmarked for tsunami relief may be made, with deepest appreciation, to the AMAA.G

AMAA and AEUNA Support Armenian Evangelical Fellowship of Las Vegas

The roots of the Armenian Evangelical Fellowship of Las Vegas were established two-and-a-half years ago by Rev. Abraham Chaparian, pastor of the Armenian Evangelical Church of Hollywood, as he made the trip once a month to hold fellowship services with former members of his church who had moved to Las Vegas. Much has happened since. The Evangelism and Church Planting Committee of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America (AEUNA) adopted Rev. Chaparian's project as a ministry of the Union, and on April 16, 2004, the AEUNA Board of Directors appointed Dr. Kegham Tashjian, a Las Vegas resident, to serve as the pastor of this congregation. This small Fellowship had its first Sunday worship service on July 18, 2004, with 33 worshippers in attendance.

Since the Fellowship's first Sunday service, 200 worshippers have attended these services with an average of 50 attendees each Sunday and some Sundays as high as 75. In addition to the Sunday Worship services, the Fellowship provides the following: Sunday nursery care for children up to the age of 5, Sunday school for ages 6-11, Friday Youth Program for ages 10-14, and Thursday night Bible study in homes for all ages.

December 12, 2004 was a significant milestone in the life of this young Fellowship. Rev. Joseph Matossian, Minister to the Union officiated at a special ceremony during the regular worship service of the Fellowship, and on behalf of the Union, conferred upon Dr. Kegham Tashjian the license of Minister.

The services of the Las Vegas fellowship are held every Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in the beautiful sanctuary of Christ Lutheran Church located at 111 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada.G

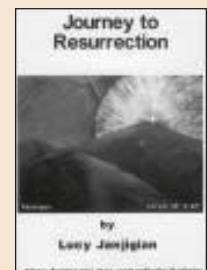
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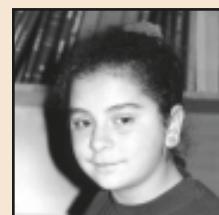
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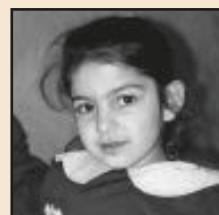
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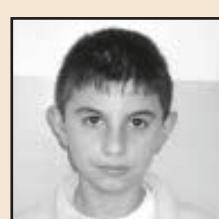
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Armenouhi Alice Avedisian

Armenouhi Alice Avedisian, age 93, of Watertown, MA, entered peacefully into eternal rest on November 15, 2004, in Cambridge, MA. She was born March 25, 1911, in Haini, Diarbekir, Turkey to Verkin Der Avedessian (Najariantz) and Benjamin Boyajian. Her sisters, Sirvart and Siranoush, and brothers, Karnig and Siragan, all predeceased her. In June 1915, at four years of age, she lost her father, a victim of the Genocide, and later her mother at age nine in 1920. In the same year she was accepted into the orphanage in Aleppo, Syria, where she stayed until 1924 and later transferred to the Aintabzi Orphanage in Junieh, Lebanon. During those early years, Armenouhi excelled in her studies. On August 12, 1927, she and Mihran Avedisian were married in Aleppo. Soon, they sailed for America from Marseilles, France, and landed at Ellis Island on February 22, 1928. They first lived in Chelsea, MA, and later settled in Watertown where they raised their three children. In addition to caring for her family, Armenouhi worked as a skilled seamstress in men's clothing during World War II and for several decades thereafter. She had a strong Christian faith and always tried to help her fellow Armenians living overseas. She served many years as secretary of the Haini Restoration Society which engaged in charitable relief efforts. She later served as Chairperson of the Women's Auxiliary of the Armenian Women's Welfare Association Nursing Home located in Jamaica Plain.



She was a member of the First Armenian Church of Belmont since the early 1930's. She was predeceased by her husband Mihran in 1984 and is survived by her children Harry Avedisian and his wife Lalia of Framingham, MA, Helen Chinian and her husband Alfred of Watertown, MA, Virginia Kalfaian and her husband Richard of Stratford, CT, seven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and special friends. She was one of the two remaining survivors of her beloved Haini Village in Diarbekir and her memories of events, people and dates were vivid to the last. As the last to carry on Haini's oral history, Armenouhi said, "When I go, Haini's book will close with me. The history will end with me." She was the end of an era.

Funeral services were held on November 18, 2004 at the First Armenian Church in Belmont G.

Elizabeth Khachigian

Elizabeth, age 92, died on Saturday, December 4, 2004, in Visalia, CA. Elizabeth was born on December 8, 1911, in Fresno to Khazar and Nartoohi Kizirian. Like many children of Armenian immigrants, Elizabeth spoke no English when she began classes but mastered it within weeks.

She was baptized in the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church where her family worshipped and where she and her sister participated in Christian Endeavor. In 1929, she graduated from Clovis High School and worked in local packing houses and her cousin's store on Kern Street where she met John Khachigian, a Visalia farmer on August 20, 1932. An engagement on Labor Day weekend and marriage on September 24, 1932, culminated this whirlwind five week courtship after which she began raising her family and working alongside John on the 60-acre Thompson grape and walnut farm at the corner of Caldwell and Shirk in rural Visalia.

As her children grew, she became active in her community and quickly took on leadership positions in the Parent Teacher Association.

Elizabeth's community service included serving as church elder in the First Armenian Presbyterian Church of Yettem and Deacon at the First Presbyterian Church of Visalia, participating actively in Bible Study. She and John also dedicated their volunteer services to the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA), the Armenian Evangelical Union and the Chomakhlo Compatriotic Society.

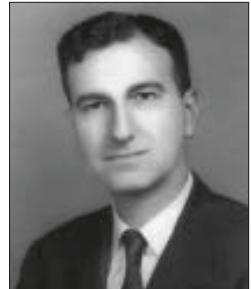
Her love of singing brought her into the Mothersingers organization which performed concerts throughout California. For 30 years she was a volunteer with the Kaweah Delta District Hospital Guild of Visalia. In 1997, these community services and activities earned her the title of "Women of the Year" for the 29th Assembly District.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John; a son Ronald; and a brother, John Kizirian. She is survived by her three sons and their wives, Melvin and Dorothy of Bakersfield, Luther and Glenda of Visalia, and Kenneth and Meredith of San Clemente. In addition she is survived by her sister, Margaret Aslanian; and brother, Jake Kizirian, both of Fresno, 15 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, and one great-great granddaughter.

Funeral Services were held at the First Presbyterian Church of Visalia and she was laid to rest at the Visalia District Cemetery alongside her husband of 43 years. Memorial donations were designated to the AMAA .G

Edwin Gabriel

Edwin Gabriel, age 90, of Ocean Grove, NJ, went to be with the Lord on February 16, 2004. Edwin was born in West Hoboken, NJ, where his parents, Enoch and Louise Gabriel, settled after escaping from the 1896 Turkish massacre in Egin. Excelling in studies came naturally for Edwin even though he had to help after school in the family-owned photography studio. He received a B.S. Degree in Mechanical Engineering and M.S. Degree in Electronic Engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark. He worked for several corporations before serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II. When he returned, he taught mathematics and electrical engineering at Lehigh and Villanova universities, in Pennsylvania, and Fairleigh Dickinson College, in New Jersey, and at the Flight Control Division at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.



He remained inventive throughout his life, perpetually working on new ideas. He held more than 40 patents and was a member of the Helicopter Society and the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers.

Edwin Gabriel's parents, along with other family members, founded the Armenian Presbyterian Church in 1898 in West Hoboken, NJ. Although he did not live near any Armenian-American communities, throughout his life he always had great interest in his Armenian Protestant heritage, and supported children through the AMAA and kept in touch with family members who attend the Armenian Presbyterian Church in Paramus.

Edwin was a devout Christian, and lived his life accordingly, and he made great efforts to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with those he met, and he networked with a number of churches.G

Virginia Gulezian Reed

Born in Philadelphia on April 13, 1914, Virginia was the daughter of Satenig (Keuhnelian) and Zora Gulezian. Her maternal grandparents were among the early members of the Armenian Protestant Church in Philadelphia, later known as the Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church. Growing up, she enjoyed the loving fellowship of her parents, her three brothers, Hrant, Richard and John, her grandparents and a large extended family of six

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aunts, two uncles and numerous cousins.

Virginia graduated from West Philadelphia High School in 1932 where she showed promising artistic talent. She also studied piano diligently and was considered her teacher's most outstanding student. On November 30, 1933, on a balmy Thanksgiving afternoon in this church's old edifice on Ludlow Street, she married John Avedis Reed of Camden, NJ. Ginnie (as she was most often called) and John set up housekeeping in Camden and were among the first Armenians to live in Southern Jersey. They were blessed with two daughters, Joan and Peggy. The family moved to Haddonfield in 1952 where she lived until 1996. She became a widow in 1976.

An active member of the church in its Jr. Women's Auxiliary, as well as in other organizations in the Philadelphia Armenian community, she was a willing and capable volunteer. She was a devoted mother and an adoring and much-loved grandmother and great-grandmother.

When recently asked, at the age of ninety, what her purpose in life was, she reflected that she always tried to live the kind of life that God wanted her to live. She expressed happiness and surprise that she had reached ninety years of age and blessed that she was still able to enjoy every day. She never lost her youthful approach or her sense of style.

Virginia is survived by her children, Joan and Set Momjian and Peggy and Nubar Tchilinguirian; her grandchildren, Bruce and Christine Momjian, Christopher and Gail Momjian and Gregory Tchilinguirian; her great-grandchildren, Matthew, Luke, Peter and Catherine Momjian, and Reed and Claire Momjian; and her brothers, Richard and John and their families. G

Dr. Edward Karian

Dr. Edward Karian, a retired dermatologist, died Friday, Feb. 19, 2005. He was 91.

Dr. Karian practiced dermatology in the Boston area for 34 years, with offices in Boston, Belmont and Hanover. Prior to that, he had practiced general medicine in Aleppo, Syria for 11 Years.

He served as assistant and associate professor at the Boston University (BU) Medical Center for 35 years and served on the faculty



of Tufts for 31 years. For years, he worked at the Boston Evening Clinic, a clinic that served patients, off-hours, at reduced fees.

A survivor of Armenian Genocide, Dr. Karian and his family were moved from their home in (Gazil) Aintab, Turkey to Ourfa, Turkey at the start of World War I. His father and uncles partnered with local Turkish officials in Ourfa to start and operate a fabric-manufacturing factory. Ultimately, they left Turkey to settle across the border in Aleppo, Syria. He was honored as a survivor of the Armenian Genocide at the Massachusetts State House, April 2003, in a ceremony officiated by state Representatives Rachel Kaprielian and Peter Koutoujian.

He graduated from the American University of Beirut's Medical School and trained at Mass. General Hospital, BU Medical Center and the University of Pennsylvania.

He was active in the Armenian community. A member of the Armenian Medical Association for over 30 years, he served actively on the Scholarship Committee. A former Board member of the Armenian Missionary Association of America, he contributed to earthquake relief, food relief and construction of a school in Armenia. With the Children of Armenia Fund, he worked to eliminate landmines in Armenia.

He is survived by his wife Lucy, sons Dr. Steve Karian, Ara Karian, daughter Celia Karian, as well as their spouses, eight grandchildren and one sister.

Funeral Services were held on Monday, Feb. 28, at the Armenian Memorial Church, in Watertown, MA. G

Hazel Ghazarian Skaggs

There is no one word that describes Hazel Ghazarian Skaggs. Piano teacher extraordinaire, laughter that brought out her dry sense of humor, with and charm. This was our Hazel. Classy and sophisticated, brilliantly gifted and talented. This was our Hazel. A lover of folk dancing, founder of the Senior Citizens Group, and deacon of the Armenian Presbyterian Church. This, too, was our Hazel.

Hazel Ghazarian Skaggs was born in Boston, on August 26, 1920, the only daughter of the late Hagop Ghazarian and Seeran Bardezbanian. Her father was a pho-



tographer and her mother doted over the gifted Hazel.

At the age of 16, she was accepted in the New England Conservatory of Music on a scholarship where she became literary editor of her 1942 yearbook. Two years later she fell in love with and married Paul Skaggs while he was in the Navy, and they settled in the community of Liberty, New York, where Hazel taught piano for 5 years. Hazel found time to give benefit performances in the Liberty High School Auditorium for the Cerebral Palsy Fund, long before it was fashionable to do so. She authored many articles, which were published in local newspapers and music magazines while in Liberty, New York.

In 1955, Hazel and Paul bought a home in River Edge, New Jersey, where Hazel continued with her craft. Evenings were spent in the River Dell and Westwood High Schools where she taught adult school from 1959 to 1978. Hazel also found time to be a touring adjudicator for the National Guild of Piano Teachers in the years of 1956 to 1964, she then became an evaluator of musical compositions at home. She served as a member of the editorial board of the American Alliance of Recreation Leisure Today magazine from 1977-81. Hazel co-authored and co-edited 2 volumes of A Complete Guide to Teaching, and composed a book of music "Thumbs Under" in 1958.

In addition to being the recipient of many awards, she enjoyed memberships in prestigious musical organizations.

Hazel was truly accomplished. She was witty and clever, resourceful and brilliant. She was a music teacher par excellence, and accomplished composer, a woman with impeccable taste in clothes and demeanor, a brilliant conversationalist. She was also known for her limitless generosity. As understated as anyone can be, Hazel went about her daily routine in the most modest and unassuming way.

Hazel was also intuitive and able to predict: she knew and understood people. She inspired love for those who truly knew her. One has only to look at her students' smiling faces to see how happy they were under Hazel's tutelage at her home.

Hazel entered peacefully into eternal rest on Friday, March 4, 2005. Funeral services were held at the Armenian Presbyterian Church of Paramus, NJ.

Hazel Ghazarian Skaggs – The Armenian Presbyterian Church of Paramus is indeed honored that you were a member of this church. May the angels in heaven dance to your music. G

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THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

We will always remember the Armenian Genocide. Whether it is 90 or 900 years, we shall never forget.

We mourn the victims of the Armenian Genocide and shall always keep them in our hearts and prayers.

This April 24, 2005 marks the 90th anniversary of the First Genocide of the 20th Century. We Armenians throughout the world with solemn religious and civil ceremonies shall commemorate this event which touches us all.

In the N.Y. Metropolitan area, there will be a major commemoration with a Memorial Gathering at Times Square in N.Y.C. from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 24, 2005.

Immediately following this will be a Solemn Ecumenical Requiem Service at St. Patrick's Cathedral (Fifth Avenue and 50th Street) from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

St. Illuminator's Cathedral on 27th Street and St. Vartan Cathedral on 34th will have a Divine Liturgy from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. The Armenian Presbyterian Church in Paramus, NJ and the Armenian Evangelical Church on 34th Street in N.Y.C. will have a Worship Service from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. The Joint Committee to commemorate the 90th anniversary encourages all Armenians and friends to come to this Armenian Martyr's Day tribute.

The Joint Committee is comprised of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern), Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America, Armenian Assembly of America, Armenian Democratic Liberal Party, Apostolic Exarch for Armenian Catholics in the U.S., AGBU, Armenian Missionary Association of America, Armenian National Committee of America, Armenian Relief Society of the Eastern United States, Armenian Revolutionary Federation, Armenian Social Democratic Hunchakian Party, and Knights and Daughters of Vartan.

"Persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body." - II. Cor. 4:9-10

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